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CLAIMS

1.	A system for managing admission to an attraction comprising:	
	a first validator for establishing an ent	tlement of a customer to access the
	attraction;	
	a controller for generating an assigned	time at which said customer may access
	the attraction, said assigned tin	ne comprising a next available time as
	determined by an algorithm pe	formed by said system; and
	a second validator for permitting said	customer to access said attraction at said
	assigned time.	

- 2. The system in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the controller unilaterally determines and issues said assigned time to said customer.
 - 3. A system for managing admission to an attraction comprising;
 a first queue by which customers may access the attraction by waiting in line;
 a second queue by which customers may access the attraction in a manner which
 avoids the first queue;
 a first validator for validating an entitlement of a customer to access the second
 queue and generating an assigned time in the future at which an entitled
 - 4. The system in accordance with Claim 3, further comprising:
 a second validator for permitting the entitled customer access to the attraction at the assigned time.

customer may access the attraction via the second queue.

- 1 5. The system in accordance with Claim 4 wherein the assigned time is determined 2 and selected by the system.
- 1 6. The system in accordance with Claim 5, wherein only a single time is generated 2 and assigned to any one customer at any one time.
- 7. The system in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said first validator is arranged to validate at least one type of identifying information from the group consisting of:
- magnetic strip, bar code, radio-frequency, iris, fingerprint, retina, voice, thermal, finger or hand geometry, and visual identification.
- 1 8. The system in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said second validator is arranged
- 2 to validate at least one type of identifying information from the group consisting of:
- 3 magnetic strip, bar code, radio-frequency, iris, fingerprint, retina, voice, thermal, finger or
- 4 hand geometry, and visual identification.



- 1 9. The system in accordance with Claim 8 including at least one data storage device
- 2 for storing data regarding times previously assigned to customers and wherein said
- 3 system is arranged to deny validation of said customer to entitlement to an assigned time
- 4 if said customer has an outstanding unused assigned time associated with said at least one
- 5 storage device.
- 1 10. The system in accordance with Claim 9 including a media distributor for
- 2 distributing an admission media to each customer entitled to access the attraction, said
- 3 admission media including said assigned time.
- 1 11. The system in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said media comprises a printed
- 2 pass.
- 1 12. The system in accordance with Claim 11 wherein said first validator comprises
- 2 a card reader for reading a ticket belonging to a customer.
- 1 13. The system in accordance with Claim 3 including a processor for determining at
- 2 one or more times a real time operating capacity of said attraction, said processor
- determining a mix ratio of first queue patrons and second queue patrons and providing
- 4 data about said real time operating capacity and said mix ratio to said system for
- 5 generating said assigned time.
- 1 14. The system in accordance with Claim 3 including a display for displaying a time
- which is next to be assigned.
- 1 15. The system in accordance with Claim 3 including a media distributor for
- 2 distributing an admission media to each customer entitled to access the attraction, said
- 3 admission media including informational material printed thereon.
- 1 16. The system in accordance with claim \$\ 5\$ wherein said informational material is
- 2 correlated to the location of the media distributor and the time assigned.
- 1 17. The system in accordance with claim 15 wherein the informational material is
- 2 generated specifically for the customer based upon an identification of that customer.
- 1 18. The system in accordance with claim 15 wherein the informational material is
- 2 generated to influence pedestrian traffic patterns.
- 1 19. A method for managing access of one or more customers to an attraction
- 2 comprising:
- 3 establishing at least one first queue by which one or more customers may access
- 4 said attraction generally in an order in which customers access said at least
- 5 one first queue;



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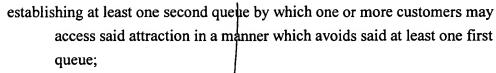
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- establishing entitlement of at least one customer and generating an assigned time in the future for each entitled customer for accessing said attraction via said at least one second queue; and
- establishing entitlement of at least one customer to access said attraction via said at least one second queue at said assigned time in the future.
- 20. The method in accordance with Claim 19 wherein said assigned time is determined and selected by a controller.
- 1 21. The method in accordance with Claim 19 including the step of issuing a media to said at least one customer if entitlement to an assigned time in the future is established.
- 1 22. The method in accordance with Claim 19 including the step of assigning said times in the future in chronological order.
- The method in accordance with Claim 19 including the step of displaying a next to be assigned time in the future for accessing said attraction via said at least one second queue.
- 1 24. The method in accordance with Claim 19 wherein said assigned time is generated 2 based upon one or more factors affecting demand for and capacity of said attraction.
- 1 25. The method in accordance with Claim 19 including the step of providing a printed pass including informational material printed thereon.
- 1 26. The method in accordance with Claim 25 wherein said informational material is correlated to the location where the printed pass was printed and the time assigned.
- 1 27. The system in accordance with Claims 25 wherein the informational material is generated to influence pedestrian traffic patterns.
- 1 28. The system in accordance with Claim 25 wherein the informational material is 2 generated specifically for the customer based upon an identification of that customer.

